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Dear Parents/Carers

Our first theme of the year is called: 'Game Designer'. During this theme, we will be focusing on science, design technology and as always dialogic talk.

Our theme begins with building on prior learning connected to circuits. In the work, the children will use the appropriate symbols in circuit diagrams and carry out a number of scientific investigations, in which they will make predictions, record their data and draw conclusions from their observations. If you have knowledge or a work-related skill in this area, please have a chat with us to possibly share this with the classes!

The science knowledge will be used in our design technology lessons, where games will be researched and in groups, the class will build a buzz wire game.

From our activity passport, we will make vegetable powered batteries and play board games. We will also have a Now Press Play lesson on Diwali.

Additionally, we will take part in a number of experiences such as: lantern making and a visit to Guru Gobind Singh Gurdwara, Gobind Marg.

*In English, the class will explore the genre of portal stories and look at a range of stories that use these before writing their own. Then, they will write a persuasive speech linking to a sales pitch for their buzz wire game. Our class novel will be *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S Lewis.*

In oracy lessons and dialogic talk sessions, we will focus on responding appropriately to adults and peers, consider and evaluate different viewpoints as well as attending to (and building on) the contributions of others. Finally, we will ensure we speak audibly and fluently with an increasing command of standard English.

In RE, we will be looking for answers to the question - how do Sikhs show commitment?



In PSHE, we will be focussing on relationships and the skills needed to be a good friend.

In French, we will build on our prior learning on the vocabulary connected to clothing and family members and learning about classroom routines.

In PE, we will be playing lots of hockey and netball, where we will be practicing our attacking, and defending skills. We will also be improving our athletic skills of running, jumping, throwing, and catching. In our second PE lesson of the week, we will be learning about dance.

In music, we will be following the Charanga unit entitled 'Happy' and playing the glockenspiel.

Finally, in computing the class will look at self-image and the use of spreadsheets

Any questions - please ask Mr Flynn or Mrs Young.

Helping at home:

As well as ensuring that your child completes their weekly homework, you could:

- Research how electricity is used and its benefits and negative impact on the planet. A list of useful internet sites can be found below or perhaps visit the library to do your own research.
- Play a battery powered game such as Operation or a buzz wire game.
- Access TT Rocks, IDL, and Purple Mash at home.
- Read or watch a film containing a portal story such as:
 - The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe
 - The Wizard of Oz
 - Jumanji

Websites to help home learning:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zj44jxs>

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/science/electricity/>

<http://www.switchedonkids.org.uk/>

